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Chancellor E. L. Bullock has resigned the chancellorship he has held for a number of years in this chancery division. To our people the announcement was a surprise. He has many warm friends in McNairy. The faithfulness and exacting duties of the office he has performed with marked ability. Few appeals have been taken from his adjudication of intricate equity entanglements. J. W. Ross, of Savannah, has been appointed his successor. Mr. Ross is an able lawyer, and will no doubt make a good chancellor. We understand Judge Bullock will continue until Dec. 1st. He retires to engage in the practice, but we opine he will be in the politics of the state in the near future.

## The School Muddle

To the astonishment and utter chagrin of every child and patron of the High School, Saturday, the county board of education saw fit to employ Miss Florence English as principal of the free school with Miss O'Neal and Mrs. Lea as assistants. They thus eliminated Prof. Robinson from the school. It is claimed that by courtesy of the board the local member was to name the teachers, and Supt. Aaron Brooks, owing to some personal antagonism, saw fit to throw Prof. Robinson out. The whole community feel that such an outrage will not be endured.

Prof. Robinson during the past two months has built up the best school Selmer has ever had, by far, and no one thought of him not being employed as principal of the school which was to be free.

In addition they cut down the salaries to \$130 for the three teachers, and gave Adamsville and perhaps Bethel much more.

We understand the city council and city school board will take charge of the college and continue Prof. Robinson; also that the free school money of Selmer will go to the school. It is understood all the three assistants will refuse to accept the board's employment and will go on with Prof. Robinson.

When any one man, be he an accidental county superintendent or private citizen, proposes to go against the wishes of an entire community he is up against it. Prof. Robinson has done more for the school and town in one year than Aaron Brooks could or would do in a lifetime.

## McNAIRY IN THE LIMELIGHT

Week of the Fifth Annual Fair—Big Crowds and Big Time

The gates were opened Tuesday morning to the public and the bright sunshine and autumnal scented air seemed to say, "Welcome, come in."

Monday was a big day in getting in shape the exhibits and putting up the various and multitudinous concessions. The eating stands and soft drink booths would indicate that our people have to eat and drink.

Tuesday was children's day, and the number on hand showed that the crop of humans in McNairy are looked after more closely than any or all other kind of live stock. This is as it should be. The next generation should be an improvement on the present, if opportunities count for anything.

The Montezuma band furnished music for the day, while singing clubs from Gravelhill and other points rendered selections of sacred vocal music, which was appreciated by the ladies in the grandstand, while the show of jacks and horse stock was going on in the ring.

We picked up on our rounds that J. D. Johnson of Jackson had a string of three fine horses, J. E. Harris of Corinth six, John Walker of Tusculum, Ala., two, T. J. Sharp of Corinth three, A. J. Maness of Finger seven, Dr. Brooks from Mississippi four, and Clem Lea of Selmer two. Of course there were a great many single entry men in the horse line.

In the forenoon jacks were shown, and stallions and mares, in the ring and awards made. The show of cattle and hogs was respectable,

particularly the latter. Tuesday's program as published was carried out.

The Floral Hall was filled with rare and rich articles of women's handiwork. Entries from a number of places outside the county and state.

In the farm product department were as fine a display of corn, potatoes and other farm products as could be found in a state fair. The poultry department was well filled, so far as we could gather from a cursory inspection.

The exhibition is good in every department. Tricks, shows, and all kinds of concerns are plentiful, to catch the boys' nickles and dimes.

Children that are pale, sickly and peevish, with dark rings under the eyes, fickle appetite, and who appear to get no nourishment from the food they eat are surely suffering from worms. Give them White's Cream Vermifuge and note the wonderful improvement. They soon take on flesh and are rosy, active and cheerful. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by B. L. Browder, exclusively. adv

Humboldt, Tenn., 10-10-13. McNairy Co. Independent, Selmer, Tenn.

Here is what I did at Ramer this week:

Examined 52 school children, 23 of whom have hookworm: Examined 40 exclusive of school children and found 4 cases of hookworms.

In the county I have examined 100 school children and found 31 cases of hookworms, and I examined 63 exclusive of school children and found 5 cases of hookworms.

As I was in the county and had no other engagements for the remainder of the week, I decided to spend the week there and locate as many cases as I could. The cases I found in the county will get treatment from their local physician.

I would be glad to operate free dispensaries in McNairy county. There are thousands of cases in the county, and no doubt many of them are severe ones. I found two severe cases, one a boy 17 years old and weighs 80 pounds, the other a girl 14 years old who has been in a very bad condition more than a year.

I know a physician who thought he had tuberculosis three years ago and went to New York, Chicago, New Orleans and other large medical centers to consult specialists on the lungs. After he returned to his home in Tennessee a physician located in his home town suggested to him that he might have hookworms. He was then examined and found to have hookworm disease. He then took the treatment and in a very short time was perfectly well and attending to his practice again. There is no doubt several people in McNairy county who are just in this condition.

Six East Tennessee county made appropriations the first Monday of this month for the free dispensary work.

I hope the county court of McNairy county will appropriate \$100 for this work at its next meeting. If the court doesn't think the money well spent every cent will be refunded. We know we can do something for the children of the county that is worth while if we only have the privilege.

Yours very truly,  
W. P. ROBINSON, M. D.  
Representative State Board Health.

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Oct. 6, '13.  
Leaving Jopling on the M. O. & G. road, which has been in operation only a short time, I passed through a fine farming country, until I passed over Grand river, when it became rough, and for miles we had the river on one side and immense rocky cliffs on the other—quite a dangerous place, I am told. I passed some nice towns on the way, Miami, Fairland, Bernice, coming to Locust Grove, my destination, only a few miles from Muscogee. This line runs to Denison, Texas, and presently will extend to the Gulf. I was astonished to find a

most flourishing and enterprising town, a little over a year old, with a handsome modern school building, occupying a most commanding position on a sloping ridge, giving a fine view of the surrounding country.

Many of the buildings, both public and private, are large and modern. Some of the stores are built of stone I think; concrete walks in evidence along the principal streets; good farming country, mostly prairie, will support this town.

I enjoyed a stay of a few days, then took the train for Bernice, where I took a hack for Grove, a distance of eight miles, passing over long bridge spanning Grand river, and took a train for my destination. I enjoyed the drive; the air was cool and bracing. On every side fields of rustling brown corn, with great patches of rich golden yellow flowers, sending out a faint sweet odor on the refreshing air, and making a pretty picture of the passing landscape.

The time passed all too quickly at Sulphur Springs, well named "The Beauty Spot of the Ozarks." It nestles cozily among high surrounding hills, which protect it from the rough winds of winter, making a favorite resort for many Northern people. The air is pure and balmy, and several fine springs of lythia, sulphur and magnesia water give recuperation and health to the visitor. The surroundings are very pleasant, good boarding houses, and agreeable people abound.

The rather dreary, cool days of September have given place to these cool October days, which bring inspiration, peace and joy to the spirit, after the oppressively hot days of last summer. The soft misty haze overspreads the earth; the sun as through a veil, casts its sparkling glory over the dew laden grass; the bright Autumn flowers rear their heads in laughing glee to the gracious moon, calling on us to rejoice over these beautiful days, so short lived, but so full of renewed hope, fresh courage, and strength of body, soul and spirit. The call of the quail and the chirrup of many birds bid us be happy, before the melancholy days have come, with  
Naked woods, and meadows brown  
And dead.

Very truly,  
MRS. M. L. STAINBACK.

In the chill season see that your liver is active. Any derangement in that organ opens the door for malarial germs. An occasional dose of Herbine in all that is necessary to keep the liver in sound working condition. Price 50c. Sold by B. L. Browder, exclusively. adv

Nashville, Oct. 11, '13.  
Editor McNairy County Independent, Selmer, Tenn.

Dear Sir:  
A citizen of your county has been kind enough to send me a clipping of the editorial which appeared in the current issue of your paper relative to the failure of the county court of McNairy county to take any notice of the appeal of the State Board of Health for co-operation in the establishment of free dispensaries for the diagnosis and treatment of Hookworm Disease. Those of us who are actively engaged in public health work are sincerely grateful for the health and kindly encouragement of the Independent and of many citizens and the medical profession of your county.

The work for the eradication of Hookworm Disease and for improved rural sanitation has been going on in Tennessee for about three and one-half years. In that time, hundreds of individuals have received great benefit as a result of having administered the proper treatment for Hookworm disease. Hundreds of others have been given opportunity for securing relief from other retarding and oppressive disease, the nature of which had been known. This work has cost the people absolutely nothing except the few dollars that have been appropriated by twenty-three counties. At the October term of the county courts six new counties appropriated sums varying from \$100 to \$200, the members of these courts showing by their votes that they believe it worth while to try to conserve the health of the people. McNairy county was the only one whose court refused to make the appropriation. Three other county courts in Tennessee have refused to make the

small appropriations asked for, but no other county court or any other body has ever refused to be considered enough to take definite action, one way or the other. I am informed that your court listened to Dr. Robinson, with some evidence of amusement, and adjourned immediately without any comment from any member of the court. We have no complaint to make. If the court is pleased with this procedure, so are we. Letters and verbal messages which have reached me indicate, however, that some of the citizens of McNairy county are not pleased. To these I beg to say that we stand ready to begin our work in McNairy county at the earliest date possible after the court feels able to set aside the small sum of one hundred dollars to be used in the operation of free dispensaries.

Doctor Robinson was able to do enough work in your county to demonstrate the fact that there is considerable Hookworm Disease in the county. He also found that the sanitary, or rather insanitary conditions in rural homes and schools of your county are just such as are favorable to the spread of the Hookworm Disease, Typhoid Fever, and other diseases that are spread by the pernicious practice of soil pollution.

There was a time when disease was thought inevitable and was considered only in its bearings upon the person who was sick. We now know that disease is a community problem and that every case of sickness, especially if preventable, affects the interest of the whole community. The people are waking up to the fact that health conservation is more important than any other. McNairy county certainly has recognized that the health of steers is worth conserving, for, I am told, about \$5,000 has been expended for the eradication of the cattle tick. That \$5,000 was a fine investment and certainly should have been made. Put \$100 by \$5,000 and it looks small. I believe that ninety-nine per cent of the people of the county are willing to appropriate one-fiftieth as much from the public funds for an effort to promote the health of children of young men and young women as they were for the appropriation for live stock work.

I wrote a letter to the Chairman of your court and mailed it with "special delivery" postage in which I made an official offer to the court to refund every penny of the \$100 if the court should not be satisfied with our work in the county after it should be finished. Doctor Robinson made this same official offer to the court. If there is any way to make a more liberal offer and at the same time identify the county with the work, I will be glad to submit it.

We make every effort to put our work before the people on the basis of merit; we have nothing to sell, nothing to advertise; we have no apologies of any sort to offer for the work; those of us who are engaged in this movement will not profit one cent nor will we lose one cent by the appropriation from any county or the refusal of any county. We are anxious to serve the people of the whole state and believe we can do something worth while for promoting the cause of public health.

If any citizen of McNairy county desires to ascertain whether or not he has Hookworm Disease, we shall be glad to send a mailing case to be used in forwarding a specimen for microscopic examination. The examination will be made free of cost.

The physicians of the county are capable of treating Hookworm Disease and recognize its importance. They were active in co-operating with our representative and we are sincerely grateful to them for their encouragement, just as we are to all who extended kindness to Doctor Robinson.

Certain members of the county court volunteered to subscribe from their private funds to make up enough money to meet the expenses of free dispensaries in the county. We certainly appreciate their tender, but feel that public work should not be done by private subscription.

Very truly yours,  
OLIN WEST,  
State Director of Rural Sanitation.

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## Serious if not Fatal Accident Befell Andrew J. Maness by a Falling Race Horse Which He Was Riding Tuesday Afternoon

In a two ring dash when near the second round at the three-quarter turn, Andrew J. Maness, riding the Kirkpatrick horse, tried to pass a black horse on the inside and the best opinion is that the front feet of his horse struck the hind feet of the black horse, and the two horses and riders went down. The rider of the black horse was not hurt but Maness was so seriously injured that it was thought he would die at once. The timely administrations of Drs. John and Earnest Smith seemed to relieve his suffering. He was taken on a litter by kind hands to Dr. Smith's residence.

Dr. Jere Crook, of Jackson, came down on the night train, and under his advice he was taken to the Jackson hospital on the 10 o'clock train. He had never regained consciousness and his chances are not even. It is thought that the shock of the brain was so severe that only a readjusting of the shocked parts will save his life. His skull is not fractured or any severe bodily wounds. His circulation and respiration are good. He has much vitality.

The accident cast a gloom over the large crowd, and strong men could be seen to weep.

Maness was a great horseman, and a favorite among all classes.

As we go to press Thursday morning it is our sad duty to publish that Andrew J. Maness, banker, business man and moving spirit of Finger, passed away Wednesday night at 11 o'clock. His wife and family were present. His sad death casts a gloom over all.

## Frightful Burns

A Mrs. Lea, member of an eating concession, while near a leaky gasoline tank Monday, was the victim of an explosion. The liquid covered her lower clothing, and instantly flamed as high as her head. By the heroic efforts of a member of the party, the fire was extinguished. She was frightfully burned on the lower limbs. Dr. John Smith took immediate charge, carrying her to a tent. Her moans and screams threw a sadness over those on the grounds. Monday evening she was removed to the Hippi Hotel, and the Doctor was with her constantly. It is not thought she is fatally hurt, but the skin is entirely burned from her ankles to her knees. The gentleman who fought the flames with a wrap open handed, was burned in the face and hands, but was able to be out Tuesday.

## Women Who Get Dizzy

Every woman who is troubled with fainting and dizzy spells, headache, weakness, debility, constipation or kidney troubles should use Electric Bitters. They give relief when nothing else will, improve the health, adding strength and vigor from the first dose. Mrs. Laura Gaines, of Avoca, La., says: "Four doctors had given me up and my children and all my friends were looking for me to die, when my son insisted that I use Electric Bitters. I did so, and they have done me a world of good." Just try them. 50c and \$1.00 at all druggists or by mail. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis. adv

## TALKS TO THE FARMER

T. F. PECK, Com. of Agriculture.

## Profit in Good Hogs

The better and larger broods of hogs are a reliable and dependable source of profit to the farmer with a few acres as well as to the one who owns and operates the large farms of the state, and this is especially true now that there has been found a way to prevent the spread of hog cholera, that scourge that has cost the state of Tennessee, as well as other states, so many millions dollars.

It will be well for the farmers of Tennessee to look into this branch of the live stock industry, now that the general assembly of the state has

## Man's Greatest Opportunity

### Five Times Out of Six Is Always Before Him

Added years of experience and toil better the work of any live man. The little downtown room where this store began gave no indication of what the future was to be any more than the dingy dye vat does of the finished silk in "my lady's" wedding dress.

Any business that anchors itself, content with its past and simply lies in port, has better dismast and go into the junk pile.

This vessel of trade is only in port to meet its passengers and deliver the acquisitions of its voyages. In another sense it is always rigging out afresh and adding to its crew, and preparing for a new voyage to gain knowledge and gather the fresh cargo to meet the changing fashions and needs of people, who are growing more and more intelligent and fastidious.

Many New Silks, Woolens and Cotton Dress Goods, Women's and Misses' Suits and Long Coats, Women's and Misses' one-piece Serge Dresses, Children's Dresses by the hundreds are here today for your choosing.

The New English Walking Shoes for Large Girls and Women are plentiful today in black and tans.

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10,000 yards of New Fall Laces that have been in the New York Custom House waiting for the new Tariff to take effect, will be here Monday.

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provided for the erection and maintenance of a plant for the manufacture and distribution of anti-hog cholera serum. This plant is to be operated under the direction of the Department of Agriculture, with Dr. George R. White, State Veterinarian, in charge, and work will begin on the erection of this plant just as soon as the money is available.

There is a shortage of meats that is world wide at the present time, and prices are therefore good. The shortage is such that cannot soon be overcome, and with the adaptability of this state to live stock production, its farmers should be in position to reap the benefit of the good prices that are sure to obtain for many years to come. It is time for the Tennessee farmer to take advantage of his opportunities in the way of meat production.

In raising hogs for the market, or for his own meat, the farmer should use breeds that make the better, bigger and thriftier animal. It is hard to understand why some farmers are opposed to getting rid of the mongrel breeds. The hog that is capable of turning corn and slops and good pasture grasses quickly into pork is the variety every farmer should have.

It will be well to understand in this connection, that the man who buys his hogs and his feed will not make much in the transaction. The hog raiser should grow his own feed. And he should feed his own animals. If you have hogs of the run-down, worn-out breed, get rid of them. Stringy, razor-backed animals will eat as much feed as the better breeds. Get a good boar for yourself if you can; if not able to do that, buy one in partnership with two or three of your neighbors. Buy a few good sows if you have none, and give some consideration to pasturage. Keep the boar and the sow and the young pigs out of the horse lot, and give them a chance to grow.

Hog raising ought to be as much a part of farming operations as is the growing of crops. We ought to grow the hogs that can be economically fed. The hog is a mortgage lifter and a bank-roll fattener, and I would repeat again that the farmers of this state should give this industry more attention.

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